

Remarks

Claims 39, 40, 43-45, 47, 63-72 and 75-95 are pending in the application. Claims 1-38, 41-42, 46 and 48-62 and 73-74 have been canceled.

Claims 43, 44, 47 and 75-86 have been indicated by the Examiner as allowed in the Office Action dated January 4, 2006. However the Examiner has not indicated the status of claim 43 in the current Office Action. In addition, the Examiner has not indicated the status of previously presented claims 89-95. Previously presented claims 89-90 which are dependent from previously allowed claim 43, and previously presented claims 91-95 which are dependent from allowed claim 77 should also be allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 39, 40, 45, 63-72, 87 and 88 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner has stated that there is no support for the claimed tensile strength in the specification.

Applicant wishes to direct the Examiner to page 33, lines 20-22 of the specification wherein it states that the tensile modulus in the cross-direction is less than about 0.75 times the tensile modulus in the machine-direction. In Applicant's response of January 27, 2006, Applicant mistakenly indicated that support could be found on page 29. Applicant apologizes for the error and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 39, 40, 45, 63-72, 87 and 88 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Conclusion

In view of the above comments, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims pending in the application are allowable over the prior art and fully supported in the specification. An early action allowing all of the claims is solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 under Attorney Docket No. AVERP3302USB.

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